

## **Community Working Group SPP 2.0**

### **Summary Notes**

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Our meetings were open to whomever wished to participate. Our conversations were based on the work presented to Vestry last February where "Community" means both inside the church and outreach beyond the church.

We met first on October 10, 2017 and had a good discussion about what we do well and where we might go in the future.

Our second meeting on October 24, 2017 discussed framing the ideas under three headings- Marketing and communications, In-reach/hospitality and Outreach/social justice and discussed them in more depth.

On November 26, 2017 the conclusions of the previous two meetings were reviewed and priority was assigned. It was felt that there needed to be an ordering and in conjunction with other initiatives from the other two groups. As well there were areas where study was required before decisions on direction could be made.

The priorities for the time being are:

- Improve the welcoming of new people into the parish
- Launch pastoral care
- Undertake a time and talent survey of the congregation in order to update what skills people may offer and their time available
- Improve the sound system
- Study our hospitality offerings and our ability to provide them including the kitchen
- Based on our time and talent survey discern where to focus on outreach in 2019 and beyond and with whom
- Communicate what St Matthews does in the community
- Use electronic means to enhance connections both and outside the church